



Memorandum of Understanding between the UK Regulators' Network and the Information Commissioner's Office

The UK Regulators' Network and the Information Commissioner's Office have reached the following understanding on a framework for cooperation and agreed a set of broad principles that will govern the ICO's engagement with the UK Regulators' network.

1. The UKRN is a mechanism for independent regulators to share knowledge and best practice and identify areas where a collaborative approach will bring benefits for its members, consumers and the economy.
2. The primary purpose of UKRN membership is for the Commissioner and the UKRN to seek these opportunities for collaboration and encourage strategic thinking to promote learning, consistent guidance and standards.
3. As a full member of the UKRN the Commissioner will actively contribute to initiatives with members and offer assistance and guidance in meeting the objectives of the UKRN. In doing so the Commissioner is not endorsing any initiatives or programmes undertaken independently by UKRN members or any parties they regulate
4. The Commissioner's priority is always to work to improve information rights practice and compliance. The UKRN's purpose is to promote information sharing and best practise between members. The Commissioner recognises the mutual benefits that its membership of the UKRN can bring and will assist members with advice, education and breach prevention in support of this goal where appropriate.
5. The Commissioner's UKRN membership should enhance the organisation's understanding of the individual roles and functions of each UKRN member. As independent regulators, each regulator will retain primacy responsibility for their respective legislation.


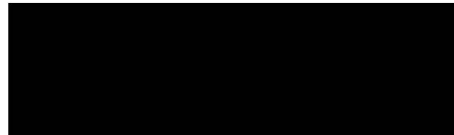
6. The powers and duties of individual UKRN members remain paramount. Membership of the UKRN does not therefore provide any impediment to the Commissioner taking any necessary action in furtherance of her wider whole economy and international remit.

Contacts

1. The parties have both identified a key person who is responsible for managing this MoU. Those individuals will maintain an open dialogue between each other in order to ensure that the MoU remains effective and fit for purpose. They will also seek to identify any difficulties in the working relationship, and proactively seek to minimise the same.

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